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SUBJECT: TNK-BP UPDATE: NO RESOLUTION IN SIGHT AS DEADLINE
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Classified By: CDA Daniel A. Russell for Reasons 1.5 (b) and (d).

----- Summary -----

1.(C) Foreshadowing a weekend of public claims and counter claims, TNK-BP's VP for International Relations Shawn McCormick told us last week th
----- Difficult Negotiations -----

2.(C) In a June 11 meeting with ECMIN, AmCit Shawn McCormick, TNK-BP's Vice President for International Relations (strictly protect) said negot

3.(C) McCormick added that the public claims that the Russian partners wanted to go international and that BP feared the competition were "spir

4.(C) McCormick said BP's sense was that the GOR appeared to have decided not to intervene to resolve the dispute, despite the damage it was dc

5.(C) McCormick said the window to resolve the dispute without an open rupture was closing. The work permits of most of the foreign managers at

----- U.S. Role -----

6.(C) McCormick expressed appreciation for U.S. efforts on BP's behalf, especially Commerce Secretary Gutierrez's press availability at the St.

----- Investment House Concerned -----

7.(C) Separately, ECMIN also met June 11 with Renaissance Capital's Head of Research, Roland Nash. The discussion was primarily about the new c